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Responsive to the Response to Amendment dated August 27, 1999, enclosed a supplemental amendment including the required changes in the above-identified application. No new fee is required.

## CLAIMS AS AMENDED


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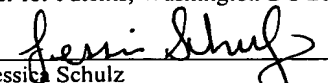
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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Communication entitled "Response to Amendment" dated August 27, 1999, claims 8-10 have been amended to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b). Reconsideration is requested in this Supplemental Response to Office Action.

In the Claims

~~8. (Amended) A quick release attachment system for coupling a hand of a skier to a ski pole, comprising:~~  
~~a ski pole grip having a front side and back side, joined by opposite lateral sides and having a cross-sectional shape sized so that the hand of the skier can be wrapped around the ski pole grip in a gripping manner;~~  
~~a pin attached to the hand of a skier;~~  
~~an attachment mechanism disposed within the ski pole grip for receiving and locking the pin to the ski pole grip;~~  
~~an ejection mechanism;~~  
~~an elongated channel extending in a horizontal direction into the front side of the ski pole grip above the hand of the skier while said hand is wrapped around the ski pole grip, so~~